

**John H. Gilliat & Co's. Circular as to  
Tobacco.**

LODGE, 4 CROSSTON SQUARE, NOVEMBER 2, 1882.

To the Editor of the Dispatch:

Scarely any business was done in this market last month. About 100 hogsheads dark spinning silks were taken for Norway, out with this exception we hear of no transactions of any importance.

The small and poor import just sampled attracts no attention, and manufacturers turn their eyes entirely to the new crop in America and indulge pleasing anticipations of early shipments of good color tobacco on a lower scale of prices than now current. How far these may be realized it may yet be too early to predict, but it is evident that Virginia at least will be able to send us a fair supply of good bright tobacco.

Meanwhile the situation with regard to the stock of old strips is not one, we think, to cause any undue anxiety to owners. A simple calculation will show that the visible supply is not so far in excess of the year's requirements. At the same time we cannot ignore the fact that many of the smaller manufacturers in the country are in a sorry plight, and as no relief is likely to come in the way of reduction of the hope of lower prices and reduce their purchases as much as possible. It is probable, therefore, that business will continue slow, and the market will take its tone from the advices received from America as to prices for new tobacco, and prospects of supply next season.

For leaf tobacco we have no inquiry except for color. Missouri growth has long been neglected; but as the culture of old-fashioned sorts has apparently been much curtailed, we are hopeful of fair results on our present stock when demand revives.

**PUBLISHING-HOUSE.**  
Dr. J. B. McFERRIN, agent of the Southern Methodist Publishing-House, Nashville, Tenn., was introduced to the Conference. The report of the Publishing-House was read.

The total business of the house amounted in the last year to \$233,362.05, of which \$32,600 were donations, legacies, &c. Total assets of the house, \$283,517.73; total liabilities, \$216,757.10.

Dr. McFerrin addressed the Conference in the interest of the publishing-house. He said:

"Our house is in a very good condition. We do not owe a dime of debt contracted since I was made agent. We have added to the facilities of the house by purchasing the lumber connected with the house which formerly belonged to other parties."

"Our business is constantly increasing. We are redeeming our bonds at par in books and periodicals."

"Only two things are now necessary—that the business be properly managed. With the exclusive control of the news and discipline publications, the outreach of eight hundred thousand members of the Church and a million of staunch friends, the business ought to be a success; second, the cooperation of our preachers in selling books, and in increasing the circulation of our periodicals."

"The discipline has never had such a run. For several weeks the house turned out 500 a day, and could not keep up with the orders."

"I am the oldest effective minister in the Methodist Church, South. I have been over thirty years in the work." He closed by saying "I have found the Methodist church easy and the Methodist burden light."

David Morton, secretary of the church Extension Society, was introduced by the Bishop and addressed the Conference in the interest of his work and of the *Adventures of Missions*, the organ of the Women's Missionary Society and of the Church Extension Society.

ADMITTED ON TRIAL.

The Bishop called the question, Who are admitted on trial? Charles F. Corne, recommended by the Charlotteville Station, Va.; Albert G. Wardlaw, recommended by the Lynn-street Station, Danville, Va.; James E. B. Riddle, recommended by the Cumberland-street Station, Norfolk, Va.; Reginald H. Potts, recommended by the Ashland Station, Va.; Edgar P. Parham, recommended by the Middlesex Circuit, Va.; and William Franklin Hayes, recommended by the Dorchester Circuit, were admitted into the Conference on trial.

THE NATIVITY "VIRGINIAN," AGAIN.

Rev. A. C. Redwood, editor of the *Notting Virginian*, stated that the objectionable article in this morning's *Virginian* was furnished by a member of the Methodist Church, and that it was intended as pleasure—nothing more.

DISCONTINUED.

Rev. Henry Hunt, of the first year, was discontinued at his own request.

ADMITTED AND CONTINUED.

Walter G. Bates, John M. Campbell, John W. Carroll, Charles W. Calo, William E. Grant, Walter W. Sawyer, Arthur Jordan, Joseph T. Boutwell, W. A. Tompkins, and William T. Williams were admitted into full membership into the Conference.

Wilber F. Tillet was continued on trial.

COMMITTEE ON CONFERENCE RELATIONS.

Rev. J. B. Blackwell reported from the Committee on Nominations the following to compose the Committee on Conference Relations: W. W. Bennett, Jacob Manning, James E. McSparren, George E. Barker, J. W. Bedsole, Thomas H. Campbel, Joshua S. Hunter.

The Conference confirmed the nominations.

RECEIVED BY TRANSFER.

Jacob N. Rosser and William T. Williams were received into the Conference by transfer.

RECEIVED TO DEACONS' ORDERS.

Walter G. Bates, Charles W. Cain, Arthur C. Jordan, Doctor M. James, E. H. Howe, Albert T. Rice, Joseph B. Sandford were elected to deacons' orders.

INTRODUCED.

Rev. F. L. Reed, of the North Carolina Conference; Rev. E. A. Owen, Baptist Church, Portsmouth; Rev. Mr. Hendon, Presbyterian Church, Portsmouth; Rev. Mr. Woodrill, Baptist Church, Memphis, Tenn.; Rev. B. F. Bell, Baltimore Conference; Rev. W. F. Boyle, Baltimore Conference; Mr. Mel. Holday, Baptist Church; Rev. Mr. James, Baptist Church; Mr. W. Mr. Cruden, Baptist, and Rev. Mr. Israel Methodist Church, Norfolk, were introduced to the Conference and introduced during the morning's session.

CONFERENCE adjourned.

Rev. J. H. Patterson, of Danville, Va., preached Wednesday night at Monumental church the annual sermon; after which the Conference partook of the sacrament of the Lord's Supper. Dr. Blackwell, of Petersburg, conducted the communion service.

CENTENNIAL.

Services will be held to-night in celebration of the one-hundredth session of the Virginia Conference.

**Virginia News.**

The voting population of West Point has increased about eighty in one year.

There is quite a revival among the Baptists and Methodists of Charlestown, W. Va.

A new post-office has been established at Clifton's, Westmoreland county, with Charles H. Stanford as postmaster.

The Episcopalians of Gordonsville are building a chapel for the colored people of that place, which will have a seating capacity of three hundred.

The Scottsville Courier learns that the Anti-slavery branch of the Scottsville Temperance Society is in a flourishing condition and now has a membership of over sixty persons.

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